

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Species I** for prosecution in this application.

This election is made **with traverse**.

At least claims 1-4 and 8-34 are believed to read on the elected species.

Further, at least claims 1-3 and 8-34 are believed to be generic to all species above.

Thus, the assertion made in the Office Action that “[c]urrently, no claim appears to be generic” is respectfully traversed.

Species I, II, and III correspond to the additional subject matter recited in claims 4, 5, and 6, respectively, which are dependent directly or indirectly on claim 1, so that that at least independent claim 1 is generic to all these species. Indeed, it is believed that at least claims 1-3 and 8-34 are generic to all these species.

It is noted that the Examiner has a duty to examine all species as long as there is at least one generic claim in the application (see MPEP 809 and 821.04(a)).

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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